



SHABBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Shabbington Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12th April 2021 by video conference

Attendees

Cllrs Alan Powell (Chairman), Stephen Capaldi (Vice Chairman), Miriam Boswell, Maria Millan, Linda Neil. Helen Spurgeon (Parish Clerk).

1. Apologies for absence.

None.

2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

None.

3. To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th March 2021.

The minutes were approved and agreed as a true record.

4. Public participation

No questions.

5. Riverbank.

A discussion took place about the possible installation of posts at Mill Road riverbank. 10 posts would be needed at 10m intervals to cover the 100m stretch, at a cost of £23 each. The Vice Chairman is not in favour of this proposal and the Chairman thinks that 10 posts is too many. It was commented that no accidents have occurred recently and that the posts may get damaged whilst the verge is being trimmed and need replacing. It was suggested that a low hedge could be planted instead to create some form of barrier and hold the bank in.

6. Elections

Shabbington had an uncontested election for the Parish Council with one vacant seat. The remaining vacancy will be filled by co-option. Cllr Michael Rand is not standing again for Bucks Council, the Vice Chairman expressed his thanks to Cllr Rand for all his support and help over the last 6 years. It was suggested that going forward the community could be more involved in new projects. Work needs to be done at the Millennium Field which will require fundraising. The Vice Chairman did not stand again for election, he was thanked for all his hard work over the last 6 years.

7. Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual PC meeting on Wednesday 19th May at 7.30pm. This meeting is likely to be in person as after 7th May Parish Councils can no longer meet remotely.

8. Devolved Services cutting schedule

Shabbington nature group has now been set up. They would like to create more wildflower verges rather than mown verges in the village. This will require working with our contractor RTM Landscapes. All councillors are in favour of this initiative.

The PCC are arranging an Open Gardens event on Sunday 13th June. The Shabbington nature group are putting on an information display in the Pond Garden during this event.



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9. Neighbourhood Policing report

There have been no further problems with the quad bikes driving around Dukes Close.

10. Finance

- The payment run was approved as circulated.
- Accounts to end March 2021, as circulated, were agreed. The bank balance stands at £12,145.31.

SHABBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL - PAYMENT RUN 12th April 2021			
Payee	Chq. No/BACS	Detail	
Mrs H Spurgeon	BACS	Net salary Parish Clerk 24 hours net pay £324, office £50, phone wifi software £20	£ 394.00
Zoom	Debit Card	Video conferencing	£ 14.39
Mr A Powell	BACS	Printing costs including ink/paper for Shabbington News	£ 21.00
DD payments			
ICO	DD	Data protection fee	£ 35.00
Sage	DD	Payroll software	£ 8.40
Total payments			£ 472.79

11. Planning

- **21/00958/APP Lower Hayne Farm, Marsh Road, Shabbington HP18 9HF**
The Parish Council has no comments on this planning application.
- **21/01203/APP 3 Dukes Close Shabbington HP18 9HW**
Part single and part two storey rear extension and porch.
The Parish Council has NO OBJECTIONS, however, they would prefer the property to be finished in similar materials to the surrounding properties.

12. Street lighting & street repairs

- The village sign in Mill Road that has been knocked down has been reported. **Action:** Chairman to review on 'Fix My Street'.
- The pavement outside 'Fieldside' on Ickford Road has deteriorated and is hazardous. **Action:** Cllr Neil to report again on 'Fix My Street'.
- Crumbling Brickwork and Damaged Railings at 2nd bridge from Fisherman PH. Damaged supports to raised footpath near Fisherman PH. **Action:** Cllr Neil to report on 'Fix My Street'.
- The Ickford Road walkway by Marsh Barns is in a terrible state. This has already been reported by Cllr Neil and the Chairman.

13. Millennium Field & Pond Garden

- The next play area inspection by RoSPA Play Safety is due in May at a cost of around £107. Councillors agreed to use Kompan this year who can carry out the inspection for £325, including 2 reports in the year, and if any work is booked, this fee will be deducted from the cost of the work. Kompan would be used to get the urgent work done of replacing the broken swing and repairing the surface. **Action:** Cllr Neil to confirm May appointment with Kompan, the Clerk can then cancel the Play Safety inspection.



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- The Pond Garden was cut back at the end of March and the green waste disposed of. The gardener has written to the PC to express her objections to the work that was carried out. The work she asked for was not done and several flowering shrubs were cut back before being given the chance to flower. **Action:** Chairman to respond to the gardener.

14. Meetings

- Carolyn Willis has volunteered to attend the Community Board cycling and walking sub-group.
- A member of the Shabbington nature group will attend the nature and conservation sub-group.
- The Chairman attended the flooding sub-group.
- The freight strategy group is trying to establish no-go areas for HGVs. Shabbington will need to carry out a traffic survey.
- The road safety and transport sub-group deals with speedwatch. Parishes can now buy their own speed gun for £150, take photos and upload them to the police.
- The Shabbington nature group held a meeting in the Pond Garden. Details will go in the Shabbington News.

15. Items for information

The Church bell was rung at noon on Saturday in honour of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh.

Action: Clerk to post message on PC website directing people to the online book of condolence if they wish to leave a message.

16. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 19th May 2021 at 7.30pm Annual Parish Meeting followed by Annual Parish Council Meeting.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm.